



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT
JULY 7, 2014**

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Present

Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer, Sergeant-at-arms Chief of Police William McKenna, and Council Clerk Linda DeSena

Also Present

Twenty Members of the Public

1. Mayor calls meeting to order.

A. (Pledge of Allegiance)

B. (Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)

Meeting Recesses

Councilman Thomas J. Serra moves for approval to continue questions to directors. Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to enter recess with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes. The Chair declares a recess at 7:08 p.m.

Meeting Reconvenes

The Chair reconvenes the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m.

2. Accept/Amend the Agenda.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval the Agenda by removing agenda item 10I because it is a duplicate of 10F. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to amend with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

3. Presentations

(none)

4. Mayor requests motion to approve minutes of: Regular meeting of June 2, 2014 at 7 p.m.; Special Meeting of June 2, 2014 at 6 p.m.; Special Meeting of May 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes of the meetings so noted having been deposited with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel and copies of the same having been served on each and every Council Member, the reading of the same having been dispensed with, Councilman James Streeto reads and moves for their approval. Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

5. Public Hearing on Agenda Items Opens

The Chair opens the public hearing state all those wishing to speak may come forward to speak on any agenda item and to keep comments to five minutes. He asks that the state their name and address for the record.

Molly Salafia addresses item 7A; she addresses the fact that family income is \$50,000 and that the \$15,000 should be treated like a bigger appropriation. She asks what it will be used for; the plastic furniture will not last and it should be spent on items that would last. Before more money is spent, why not restore what is already in place. She states these items could come from dockage fees which the City doesn't charge. The City should find out why some activities work and others don't before spending money. Solve the current issues, like restrooms.

Michiel Wackers reads a statement from Wendy Sheil who could not be present at the meeting. She discusses Harbor Park and is an advocate of improving Middletown's Waterfront and the plan presented to the Council. She is part of the Commission and sees this as a new beginning for Middletown. She wants the citizens to enjoy the river and riverfront similarly to how she has. She hopes they can embrace the rowing programs that are in Middletown. There are many other exciting opportunities on the riverfront. There are concerns about the details, but it should not derail the plan. In working and developing the project with the community will make it a success and she is fully committed to the project.

Jaimie Mills, a member of the commission, thanks the Mayor for appointing her to the redevelopment commission and Gerry Daley for leading the task force. She voted against the final report and would like to explain why. The vision is a fabulous one and the process was important. The public expressed what they want in the project. She is opposed to the plan because we failed to do what the Council asked us to do. She provided information. You asked for specific findings of essentially elements including difficult questions on how to fund it and governance; what to do about the private properties intermingled among the City's property along the riverfront. None of those issues were explored or discussed so she has three points to make. The most difficult issue to make this plan successful is dealing with Route 9; DOT is interested in helping us explore options for Route 9. The DOT is under the impression that Middletown is not interested in exploring those options and I think we are interested and I hope we are. That needs to be conveyed to the DOT. For this to be successful, we are going to need State and Federal Money and they will want a comprehensive evidence based plan and we will have to access expertise in that area. When she has talked to other towns who developed the water front, they used outside expertise and she encourages the Council to do a full process to develop a comprehensive plan. We need to keep the process transparent to keep the public's support. Some will take a long time, including decommissioning the treatment plan. It takes a lot of planning and community investment over a long period of time. She explains the documents she has handed out. She urges the Council to keep a public process to maintain their interest and to keep the project moving forward.

Laney Bank, a member of the commission, and she had the place of the Garden Club and thanks Gerry Daley for chairing the committee and his wisdom. She hopes everyone reads the report. In striving for the perfect report you throughout the good. There is so much good in this report. There are so many great suggestions here and we will have to work with other people. She compliments Michiel Wackers because he took over a tough position and it was difficult for this commission. I believe the suggestions if carried forward would be positive for Middletown. She discusses the highline in Manhattan built on the railroad spur and it has been planted as an aerial park. It is the most visited site in New York State and probably one of the five in the United States. It was a private venture and the people she worked with are shocked with what it has created. Middletown has a similar opportunity to showcase Middletown and the Connecticut River. She thanks the Council that had a vision making process that many Middletown citizens want the riverfront to be. She hopes the Mayor and council maintain the ideas and visions in the report. The priorities are the walkway, boathouse and recreational space. Let us explore federal, state and private dollars. Let's all keep the momentum going and make the riverfront a place for everybody.


Justin Carbonella, Youth Services Coordinator, comes with two thank yous one from the Wesleyan Collaborative Education and one from the Green Street Arts Center for restoring funding to the Educational Challenge Grants and he voices his support on the changes to the Challenge grants and the change for the matching dollars. This was done with the voice of afterschool programs in mind for smaller grassroots programs to survive for neighborhood programs. Grant funding has dried up.

6. Public Hearing on Agenda Items Closes.

The Chair, seeing no other members of the public wishing to speak, closes the public hearing.

7. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation and bond ordinance requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance.

Appropriation notice



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

MAYOR'S OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on **Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7 p.m.** to consider and discuss the following:

Planning, Conservation
And Development

\$15,000, Account No. 1000-27000-55406, Economic
Development Fund: Riverfront, General Fund.

Planning, Conservation
And Development

\$10,000, Account No. 1000-27000-55406, Chamber Summer
Youth Employment, General Fund.

Central Communications

\$18,017.60, Account No. 1000-18700-51989 and 1000-18700-
52025, Holiday Pay/Benefits, Communications, Economic, General
Fund.

Public Works

\$8,125, Account 1000-27000-55415, Lake Treatment at Crystal
Lake, General Fund.


Office of General Counsel

\$50,000, Account No. 1000-27000-52188, Redesign/Revision Study,
General Fund.

Finance Department

\$256,195, Account 1000-0300-xxxx, Various Utility Accounts,
General Fund.

Any and all persons interested may appear and be heard.

ATTEST:

MAYOR DANIEL T. DREW
Mayor

Filed at Middletown, Connecticut, this 26th day of June, 2014.
The Council Chamber is wheelchair accessible. If you require special accommodations for any
meeting, please call the (860) 335-4121 (TDD/TTY) or the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 335-4410 at
least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Certificate of Finance

MEMORANDUM

TO:

His Honor, Mayor Daniel T. Drew and
Members of the Common Council

FROM:

Finance Department

DATE:

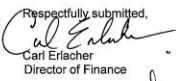
June 30, 2014

RE:

Certification of Funds

This is to certify that funds sufficient to meet the appropriations requested at your meeting on July 7, 2014 are available as follows:

General Fund	\$465,302.60
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Respectfully submitted,

Carl Erlacher
Director of Finance

Received
7-2-14
JMK

A. Planning Conservation and Development \$15,000, Account No. 1000-27000-55406, Economic Development Fund: Riverfront, General Fund (Approved)

Councilman Gerald E. Daley reads and moves for approval the appropriation for the Planning Conservation and Development \$15,000, Account No. 1000-27000-55406, Economic Development Fund: Riverfront, General Fund. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

Councilman Daley states as the Mayor indicated, it is basically money appropriated at the June meeting to give some sort of a jump start to activities, the lighter, quicker, cheaper ideas that were suggested by the plan to get a fuller appreciation and broader support for what we hope to do on a larger scheme in the coming years. We need to show we can generate public interest in coming to the riverfront in order to get local, federal and state funds to help in its redevelopment. I certainly respect Ms Salafia's suggestion that we get the right kinds of things. We have a Park and Recreation commission that will weigh in on what we should purchase. We did not have time to get purchase orders in place and the funds rolled over and it had to be reauthorized. Any appropriation needs to be scrutinized and it would be a shame if we didn't take advantage of the momentum we created around the riverfront. He urges the Council to support this as they did last month.

Councilman Bauer is recognized and states he will reluctantly vote no; there are too many uncertainties around this. We don't know what the operational costs will be around this. Shades of the showmobile; we generate a lot of expense to monitor the deployment of this stuff and we don't have a clear idea where we can store it. It may be a great idea, but a little too soon the more he learns about the elements of the entire plan that is not in place. We don't know how much overtime it will cost to implement. Councilman Faulkner will support this and has concerns in terms of priorities. If the items are not set in stone, he would like whoever makes the decision to think about recent incidents of teenagers in the City and they don't have a lot to engage them so think about our teenager population. Consider them when you plan out what you will buy. The chair states we are not buying anything; this money is designated for entertainment programming to get people to use the area as suggested by the Project for Public Spaces. Councilman Giuliano states he will follow Councilman Bauer's lead and not support it. We are one week into the fiscal year and I don't know how much we will see before next spring or summer and he doesn't know the urgency to do this without a more detailed plan on what we will do with this and commitment of maintenance does this trigger. Those are questions that need to be answered. I don't know that we can postpone an appropriation, but he would like to vote it down and brought back later with more details. He will be voting no tonight. Councilman Santangelo states he will support this appropriation; one of the things we do in Middletown is that we talk a lot about projects and then not followed through. Are we going to talk or do something. He likes to experiment and there is only one way to get people to the waterfront is to do something. What are we doing; are we going to encourage people to go there. We need to encourage people to do things there. He appreciates the lighting on the boardwalk. What are we going to do to encourage them. Talk some more and it doesn't work that way. This is a good idea; quick, fast and get people to the water front. Councilman Streeto states he agrees with Councilman Santangelo, we talk too much. What was said last month got all of us to vote for it and so I believe we should all vote for it again.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 2 nay votes by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman David Bauer and 0 absent by no one. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 2 in opposition and 0 absent.

B. Planning, Conservation and Development \$10,000, Account No. 1000-27000-55400, Chamber summer Youth Employment, General Fund.
(Approved)

Councilman Robert P. Santangelo reads and moves for approval the appropriation for Planning, Conservation and Development \$10,000, Account No. 1000-27000-55400, Chamber Summer Youth Employment, General Fund. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

C. Central Communications \$18,017.60, Account No. 1000-18700-51980 and 1000-187000-53285, Holiday Pay/Radio Communications Equipment, General Fund.
(Approved)

Councilman Robert P. Santangelo reads and moves for approval the appropriation for Central Communications \$18,017.60, Account No. 1000-18700-51980 and 1000-187000-53285, Holiday Pay/Radio Communications Equipment, and General Fund. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

D. Public Works \$8,125, Account 1000-27000-55451, Lake Treatment, General Fund
(Approved)

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval the appropriation for Public Works \$8,125, Account 1000-27000-55451, Lake Treatment, General Fund. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

E. Office of General Counsel \$90,000, Account No. 1000-27000-52166, Reclassification Study, General Fund.
(Approved)

Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta reads and moves for approval the appropriation for Office of General Counsel \$90,000, Account No. 1000-27000-52166, Reclassification Study, General Fund. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

F. Finance \$324,160, Account No. 1000-03000-xxxxx, Various Utility Accounts, General Fund.

(Approved)

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval the appropriation for Finance \$324,160, Account No. 1000-03000-xxxxx, Various Utility Accounts, General Fund. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion.

Councilman Serra states this in itself is troubling having to put out early in the fiscal year \$324,000 and he understands it is billed items and one is the street lights. Something needs to be done relative to getting that project done that we adopted nine or ten months ago. The streetlights we need to move on them immediately. The chair states as a point of clarification they have been moving on the street lights for quite a while; there is a process laid out and we have to work in the confines of the law and at the pace of the utility company and we are well underway in the process.

Councilman Serra asks for a point of information. It takes ten months. The chair responds yes, it takes time. Councilman Serra states ten months; the chair replies yes. Councilman Serra states Northeast Utilities is three months, what else. The Chair replies we sent them letters to initiate the process, it is a statute process, it is slow moving and it has been going on for a while. Councilman Daley states one of the things he tries to do with what they consider and looks for lessons to learn and the one he sees in this situation, and he understands moving the line items to Finance, but it occurs to him that may have contributed that we were caught by surprise on this. He states there was no one commission checking on this on a monthly basis to keep up to speed on this and heading into a problem. I think you can have that occur within the Finance Department by asking the Finance Director or Energy Coordinator (John Hall). This is a significant cost item. Maybe Finance Committee does look at it and that is the lesson that confronts him. We should be looking at energy costs monthly; some committee of the Council should. Director Russo pointed out some of these items were unavoidable. You had the snow plows out all but two days in February. That is an unavoidable occurrence. The cost of the street lights developed over time and it would have been good to have notice of it. Councilman Giuliano states he will vote for this for the same reason he did on the previous two; these are obligations the city has incurred for necessary items and there are always lessons to be learned. The one he learned is that they need to budget more accurately. The story he got on this appropriation we took into account a particular savings in last year's budget for street light purchase that wasn't going to happen last year. Those are things we shouldn't be doing. Likewise the item before it; we knew we had to do a classification study but made no provisions in the budget. Here we are one week into the fiscal year appropriating money. We have to get rid of it. We can't keep dipping into the piggy bank. he will vote for these and he is not happy about the way they arrived in front of him tonight.

Councilman Bauer states he will restate what has been said already. The city pays its bills and it is important that they do. This is a third of a million dollars and to me the lesson is and I read the Charter and the Council has fiduciary responsibility and I have to accept this very unkind surprise. But I am troubled. Councilman Daley has offered a suggestion. It is not just energy. Anyone who sees a variance, he would like a mechanism when someone sees a problem, they will notify me for any budget item that starts to get off the track. The fiscal year closes and they have to make the adjustment. He would have liked to handle it during the fiscal year. No one stepped up on this issue. I have a bit of trouble blaming a particular retired Council person; that is just didn't obviate the Council from its responsibility. We have to be prepared for all kinds of events and right now there is no process in place for this and its the Council's responsibility to deal with variances in a timely fashion. That is what he is taking away from this shortfall in our utility line items.

Councilwoman Bartolotta states she agrees with Councilman Serra on the topic of the purchase; when she voted for this she was given professional guidance and that it would occur quickly and unfortunately that has not happened. She is not happy about appropriating such a large sum of money. I also would like to make a statement about the \$90,000 appropriation for the classification study. She understands the point, but there were many companies being reviewed and at the time of the budget, we did not know how much would be spent on this program. I look forward to us being clearer about our utility bills and we all have a duty here to follow-up and everyone one of us dropped the ball here. Councilman Serra states they have to vote for this because they are incurred costs. The point here is simple; we budgeted last May as we had a presentation for purchasing street lights and we all felt it would be funded by referendum and it was. We had a time frame saying what we would save. The point is what happened to the timeframe that we budgeted on and why wasn't it done. If it was part of the \$196,000, but it wasn't. Most of the savings were in the \$100,000 range. We have to vote for this and someone needs to do the job and we are part time individuals and it was incumbent on the executive branch to make sure it was done. He will support this and \$196,000 is a little much. The chair to clarify, the job was done and the Finance Department warned that this situation would come to pass if the money was budgeted the way it was and the Finance Department premonition came true because the level of savings budgeted was unrealistic given the timeframe they were given. Councilman Serra responds why didn't you make us aware of it at the time. The chair responds you were. Councilman Serra states why didn't you make us aware of it. The Chair states I did and you chose not to budget it. Councilman Serra states we had a consultant telling us exactly what would happen. The chair states you abdicated your responsibility for failing to budget this line item.

The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

8. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approvals:

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval the Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approvals 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8I, 8J, and 8K. For me voting on this is to accept 8J, not to endorse the report. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion.

**A. City Clerk's Certificate
(Approved)**



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	Unit Name		
	Gov't Tech Maint & Improvement	1000-0000-50-01	3,326.45
	Public Safety Network Support	1000-0000-50-01	3,326.45
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C. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Board of Education, Various Grants (Approved)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number: 170

Date of Request: 6/25/2014

Name of Grant: As Listed Below

Amount: \$637,337.37

Code: 2450-33000-59405 X 03025

Grant Period: From: 7/1/2013 To: 6/30/2014

Type of Grant: Amount Loaned from General Fund

Department Administering Grant: Middletown Board of Education

Status: \$0.00

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes for which they were granted.

Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
69 - Middletown Teen Theater \$5,638; 818 - Adult Ed Prov(state) (\$102,127); 814 - Adult Ed Cooperating Eligible City \$229; 816 - Out of Town Magnet School Transportation \$15,000; 838 - Governance Council Statefield \$500; 411 - Special Education Medicaid \$10,080.50; 855 - Universal Service Fund \$50; 854 - United Way-Youth Services Development \$220,47; 866 - Youth Services Bureau \$2,125; 894 - Swain Springs Program \$4,024; 700 - Food Services Receipts \$260,833.81; 801 - Referee/Coach Insurance \$300,250.15; 803 - Workers' Compensation \$2,945.44; 804 - Professional Program Fees \$8,368; 808 - Maintenance/Repairs \$17,400.10; 815 - Capital Office Receipts \$240; 833 - Adult Education Receipts \$3,025.68; 898 - Fingerprinting Receipts \$181.50; 896 - Special Education Tuition Reimbursement \$76,190.44; 899 - Student Activities M.A.S. \$5,000; 408 - Middletown Teen Theater \$12,000; 801 - Keypoint Parent Fees \$232; 802 - Student Activities - WWMB \$2,474 Total Special Programs through 6/18/2014 \$19,627,838.16 ADDITIONS \$637,337.37 Total Special Programs through 6/25/2014 \$17,285,276.82

Signature:

Requested by: Emma Macri, E.O.D.

Status:

Status Date:

D. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Board of Education, Various Grants (Approved)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number: 156

Date of Request: 4/1/2014

Name of Grant: As Listed Below

Amount Requested: \$190,080.00

Code: 2450-33000-59405 X 03025

Grant Period: From: 7/1/2013 To: 6/30/2014

Type of Grant: Amount Loaned from General Fund

Department Administering Grant: Middletown Board of Education

Status: \$0.00

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
69 - Middletown Teen Theater \$5,638; 818 - Adult Ed Prov(state) (\$102,127); 814 - Adult Ed Cooperating Eligible City \$229; 816 - Out of Town Magnet School Transportation \$15,000; 838 - Governance Council Statefield \$500; 411 - Special Education Medicaid \$10,080.50; 855 - Universal Service Fund \$50; 854 - United Way-Youth Services Development \$220,47; 866 - Youth Services Bureau \$2,125; 894 - Swain Springs Program \$4,024; 700 - Food Services Receipts \$260,833.81; 801 - Referee/Coach Insurance \$300,250.15; 803 - Workers' Compensation \$2,945.44; 804 - Professional Program Fees \$8,368; 808 - Maintenance/Repairs \$17,400.10; 815 - Capital Office Receipts \$240; 833 - Adult Education Receipts \$3,025.68; 898 - Fingerprinting Receipts \$181.50; 896 - Special Education Tuition Reimbursement \$76,190.44; 899 - Student Activities M.A.S. \$5,000; 408 - Middletown Teen Theater \$12,000; 801 - Keypoint Parent Fees \$232; 802 - Student Activities - WWMB \$2,474 Total Special Programs through 6/18/2014 \$19,627,838.16 ADDITIONS \$637,337.37 Total Special Programs through 6/25/2014 \$17,285,276.82

Signature:

Requested by: Emma Macri, E.O.D.

Status:

Status Date:

E. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Mayor's Office, School Readiness (Approved)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number: 156

Date of Request: 6/30/2014

Name of Grant: School Readiness Grant

Amount Requested: \$2,175,772.00

Code: 2750-33000-59405 X 03025

Grant Period: From: 7/1/2014 To: 6/30/2015

Type of Grant: State

Department Administering Grant: Mayor's Office/Department of Education

Status: \$0.00

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
This grant will be used to significantly increase the number of accredited senior approved schools for young children (1) under 5, provide access to high quality preschool, (2) significantly increase the number of slots for young children to attend full day, full year child care for children from birth to five years old, (3) provide access to licensed day care, (4) provide access to licensed day care and education programs among the state's various agencies, (5) provide and maintain.


Signature:

Requested by: Mayor's Office/Department of Education

Status:

Status Date:

F. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Mayor's Office, School Readiness, Quality Enhancement (Approved)



Middletown Fire Department
ROBERT KRONENBERGER
Fire Chief
Memo

To: **Danwa Trueta, Director of Purchasing**
Date: **June 24, 2014**
Re: **Emergency Purchase**

Dear Sir:


As requested by our purchasing endurances, I would like to notify you that we were obligated to purchase an 80 gallon emergency hot water heater for the Middletown Fire Station on June 11, 2014. The original hot water heater that was replaced dated back to 1991. The total amount of the hot water heater with the labor to install and remove the old heater is about \$5,800.

Because we are a 24/7 operation with staff living at the fire station, not to mention the health and safety requirements of our operation, I deemed it necessary to acquire this equipment as an emergency purchase.

This procurement should be taken from the budget line: Repairs and Maintenance to Building, 2016-50000-53380-0500-00000-0000-0001. This line is adequately funded for this purchase.

Thank you in advance for your help with this process.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kronenberg
Fire Chief

J. **Emergency Purchase - Public Works - Pond and Lake Connection**
(Approved)

MEMO


To: **Danwa Trueta, Purchasing Department**
Date: **June 13, 2014**
From: **William J. Russo, Director of Public Works**
Subject: **Pond and Lake Connection**

Dear Sir:

We needed to have the Pond and Lake Connection (a pond and lake treatment to control algae, duckweed, waterweed and other plant problems).

Let's pretend to have this as "emergency", due to the contractor's death seasonal and "last year's" there was no time to obtain a quote.

Thank you,



William J. Russo, Director of Public Works

CC: Marie Perovich

K. **Middletown Riverfront Redevelopment Commission Final Report**
(Accepted)

L. **Suspense Report 2014 - Finance, Tax Collector**
(Approved)

City of Middletown
Office of the Tax Collector

Lee Renee Matterazzo, CCMC, Tax Collector
*Telephone No. (860) 638-3166
Fax: (860) 638-3900
TDD: (860) 638-3222*

June 30, 2014

Mayor Daniel T. Drew
Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 12-105 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby submit a grand total of Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax bills which I deemed to be uncollectible at the present time and request your approval to transfer these items to our Suspense Tax Book as of June 1, 2014. A list is available in the Tax Office.

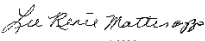
Motor vehicles submitted for suspense are presently not registered in Middletown. All suspense items are also entered into our automated file system. The file is used to cross reference motor vehicle tax bills and all delinquent motor vehicle tax accounts.

This file is a valuable tool in the collection of all delinquent motor vehicle taxes. From July 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014, we have collected more than \$16,000 in suspense items and more than \$450,000.00 in the past fourteen years.

Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$225,650.51
Supplemental Motor Vehicle Taxes	<u>\$38,484.06</u>
	\$264,134.57

If these suspense items are approved, I would appreciate being informed, in writing, of such action as a matter of record.

Very truly yours,



Lee Renee Matterazzo, CCMC
Tax Collector
City of Middletown

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Councilman Bauer states it is symbolic for me, but I am going to vote no simply because I do not understand a negative grant is. Councilman Giuliano states he heard Councilman Serra make a point on something he was going to ask about; on item 8J, the final report, we are accepting it and would like to know what the next step and would a workshop be of value. Councilwoman Kasper states she agrees with Councilman Serra; she is only accepting the report, not endorsing it. There are other agencies they need to hear from. Councilman Daley states as Chair all we expected was that the Council accept it and review it in detail. We talked about having a workshop, but to be honest with you there are so many people involved it would not be productive to have it without the report and absorb it. If you wish to have a workshop you can invite the commission before you and have a workshop. If you read the report closely, we tried to comprehensively address all the issues. We are not giving you full and explicit answers, but there are enough good ideas in there and many of the key decisions fall on the Council as a whole and we tried to present the report with recommendations. Route 9 is not entirely within the hands of the City to determine. We had good response from DOT to hear our concerns and there will be the need for further dialogue with DOT moving forward. The need of involving other agencies looking for outside funds, we have reached out to the State about potential sources of funding for the larger expenses and as far as maintaining transparency, we had a very transparent process. All meetings were open to the public and we had three meetings reviewing the report and tried to incorporate comments from every member of the commission. One of the recommendations is the Council consider using the Long Hill Estate Authority as an example and that more importantly you start a Friends of the River. There is a lot in the report. In the river we have the City's greatest natural resource and it is an asset for economic development and community engagement and we should do everything we can to make use of it and we have a couple of years to build toward that. We are just asking to accept the report and your responsibility to digest it. Councilman Faulkner takes the opportunity to thank all the members of the committee and those who volunteered to give comments. This is a great opportunity to engage the citizens. He believes it is a great summer project working with young people; we are talking a lot of years in the future and we should take advantage of it. He is appreciative of the report. Councilwoman Bartolotta thanks Councilman Daley for the report and the committee with all the ideas in the report. I am accepting the report also and not endorsing it. It is filled with ideas that need to be discussed for future planning and thanks the public speakers for their information and she looks forward with working with everyone on the riverfront. The chair also thanks and recognizes Councilman Daley and the members of the committee; he hopes everyone understands the amount of work that went into the report and the amount of hours they analyzed the riverfront problems. We have an opportunity to do something extraordinary and the work they did the work and involvement with the community and the extent of what we have to complete is breathtaking and they should be credited. Thank you all for your work.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 1 nay vote by Councilman David Bauer and 0 absent. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 1 in opposition and 0 absent.

9. Payment of all City bills when properly approved.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval Payment of all City bills when properly approved. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 1 nay vote by Councilman David Bauer. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 1 in opposition and 0 absent.

Motion to Recess

Councilman Thomas J. Serra for a recess. Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to enter recess with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

The chair declares recess at 8:30 p.m. and states we will reconvene at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting Reconvenes

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 8:39 p.m.

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.:

- A. Approving authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a power purchase agreement with Greenskies, Inc.; approving waiving Sections 232-4 through 232-14, the sale of public property to authorize the Mayor to enter into long term access agreements with Greenskies, Inc. or its subsidiaries for installing and maintaining solar systems on city property; and approving waiving

the Competitive bidding requirement in accordance with Section 78-8 of the City Ordinances to purchase electricity produced by the solar panels on city property.

The chair recognizes Councilman Daley. Councilman Serra moves to waive the reading because they will be sending it back to Economic Development.

Resolution No. 88-14

File name pcd_2014_Greenskies_Landfill_Berlin_St

Description: Approving authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a power purchase agreement with Greenskies, Inc.; approving waiving Sections 232-4 through 232-14, the sale of public property to authorize the Mayor to enter into long term access agreements with Greenskies, Inc. or its subsidiaries for installing and maintaining solar systems on city property; and approving waiving the Competitive bidding requirement in accordance with Section 78-8 of the City Ordinances to purchase electricity produced by the solar panels on city property.

(Referred to Economic Development)

Whereas, the city has been approached by Greenskies, Inc. regarding the installation of one or more "solar system(s)" on city property; and

Whereas, Greenskies Inc. has offered the city a power purchase agreement which would have a subsidiary company of Greenskies Inc. purchase, secure all necessary approvals (including local Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency and Planning and Zoning Commission approvals) install, maintain and insure solar system (s) on city property at their sole and exclusive cost; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee at their May 7, 2014 regular meeting recommended that the Council approve two power purchase agreements, for 185 Johnson Street and 116 Berlin Street, to purchase 100% of the power produced by the solar system(s) from the subsidiary company created by Greenskies Inc. for twenty (20) years at a fixed cost of \$0.09 per kilowatt hour (kWh), with an escalator of 1% per year; and

Whereas, it is estimated that one solar system will produce 1,500,000 kWh per year and such a solar system will reduce the need to burn 88,235 gallons of oil and eliminate 667 tons of CO2 emitted into the atmosphere; and

Whereas, it has been determined that the financial savings and the environmental benefits of such solar system(s) are significant and it is the best interest of the city to move in a more stable and sustainable direction with regard to its energy consumption.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that: Mayor Daniel T. Drew, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver up to two (2) power purchase agreement (s) in the form of the agreement presented to this meeting with such changes and revisions as shall be negotiated and determined by the Mayor, after consultation with legal counsel with a specialization in energy matters, to be in the best interests of the City as evidenced by his signature on the final power purchase agreement(s).

Be it Further Resolved that the Economic Development Committee has recommended and the City of Middletown Common Council is therefore waiving the Sale of Public Property Ordinance Number 25-07 in the Middletown Code of Ordinances §232-4- §232-14 as provided for in article §232-13 to authorize the Mayor to enter into long term access agreements with Greenskies Inc. or its subsidiaries' for the purpose of installing and maintaining solar systems on city property; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Common council waives the competitive bidding portion of the Middletown Code of Ordinances with regard to the purchase of electricity produced by solar panels situated on City Property; and

Be it Further Resolved that future sites for solar arrays be approved by the Common Council before the permitting process through the City.

FISCAL IMPACT: The above will commit the City to purchase the power produced by these facilities at \$0.09 per kWh. Over the life of the contract, the average annual cost is estimated at \$165,000. Greenskies estimates the saving compared to purchasing power directly from a utility at \$ 116,236.80 per year. Greenskies estimated saving makes the assumption that electrical generation costs will increase at 4% per year. In reviewing Greenskies

Staff reviewed the history of electrical generation prices for Connecticut, using U.S. Energy Information Administration data. The data from 1990 to 2012 shows an average increase in electrical rates for residential users at 2.8%, for commercial users at 2.4% and industrial users at 2.7%. This would suggest the average annual savings are in the neighborhood of \$87,000-\$94,000.

If electrical generation costs are higher than \$0.09 per kWh then the City has saved tax payers money. If at anytime the cost of electrical general dips below \$0.09 per kWh, then the City has paid more than the utility's market price for electricity.

Councilman Daley states because Economic Development and Finance and Government meetings fell on the same night, Economic Development did not have a quorum and he agrees to refer it back to Economic Development. The chair asks if there is a motion to refer this back.

Councilman Gerald E. Daley reads and moves for approval referring this back to the Economic Development Commission. Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

- B. Approving the decrease and increase of various CDBG entitlement line items from various years as presented in the resolution, including a transfer from the fund balance of \$13,638.11 into a new line item entitled Hogan House.

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval the decrease and increase of various CDBG entitlement line items from various years as presented in the resolution, including a transfer from the fund balance of \$13,638.11 into a new line item entitled Hogan House. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 89-14
File Name PCD_CDBGReprogram_2013_2014
Description Approving the decrease and increase of various CDBG entitlement line items from various years as presented in the resolution, including a transfer from the fund balance of \$13,638.11 into a new line item entitled Hogan House.
(Approved)

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement community; and

WHEREAS, the final rule was published on January 5, 1995 in the Federal Register for the Consolidated Submission for Community Planning & Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown has received an additional \$110,460 in Community Development Block Grant funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the HUD final rule, revisions to the City of Middletown Citizen Participation Plan have been adopted which includes the process by which the Citizens Advisory Committee prepares the Consolidated Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

Decrease		
Fund Balance		
Line-item-	3940-00000-10110-0000-00000-0000-000 Miller/Bridge Redevelopment	\$13,638.11
2011		
Line-item-	3216-14000-57030-0000-03668-2011-000 Small Business Creation Grants	\$50,000.00
2012		
Line-item-	3217-14000-57030-0000-03719-2012-000 360 Main Street- Elevator Install	\$47,000.00
2013		
Line-item-	3218-14000-57030-0000-03678-2013-000 360 MSR Associates/Pythian Building	\$18,221.57
Increase		
Expenditure Line		
Line-item-	3940-14000-XXXXX-0000-03466-0000-000 Hogan House- 15 Pleasant Street	\$13,638.11
2011		
Line-item-	3216-14000-57030-0000-XXXXX-2011-000 Hogan House- 15 Pleasant Street	\$50,000.00
2012		
Line-item-	3217-14000-57030-0000-03723-2012-000 Hogan House- 15 Pleasant Street	\$47,000.00
2013		
Line-item-	3218-14000-57030-0000-03466-2013-000 Hogan House- 15 Pleasant Street	\$1,221.57
Line-item-	3218-14000-57030-0000-XXXXX-2013-000 Oddfellows Building Improvements	\$17,000.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development any necessary amendments to Consolidated Plan and 2008 Annual Action Plan reflect above changes.

- C. Approving the Bulky Waste Fund budget for fiscal year 2014 - 2015 totaling \$445,000.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval the Bulky Waste Fund budget for fiscal year 2014 - 2015 totaling \$445,000.. Councilman Robert P. Santangelo seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 90-14
File Name pwbulkywastebud14-15
Description Approving the Bulky Waste Fund budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 totaling \$445,000.
(Approved)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That the Bulky Waste Fund budget for the Fiscal Year 14-15 be approved as follows:

Expenditures:

Repairs/Maintenance to Vehicles	\$20,000
Motor Vehicle Parts/Supplies	\$20,000
Bank Service Fees	\$10,000
Waste Removal	\$260,000
Oil Recycling	\$1,500
Mattress Recycling	\$4,500
Tire Recycling	\$5,000
Waste Equipment Supplies	\$30,000
Site Improvements	\$40,000
Truck Rental/Lease	\$4,000
Contractual Services	\$50,000
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Total Expenditures	\$445,000

Revenues:

Scale Receipts	\$225,000
Cardboard Recycling	\$18,000
Paper Recycling	\$22,000
Scrap Metal Recycling	\$21,000
Gift Cards Receipts	\$1,400
Roadside Bulky Waste Revenue	\$16,500
Interest Earned	\$2,400
Transfer from General Fund	\$30,000
Bulky Waste Contribution from Fund Balance	\$108,700
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Total Expenditures	\$445,000

- D. Authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit an application to the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$25,000 for a Local Capital Improvement Program grant and creating a new line item in the Capital Improvement Plan entitled Russell Library Phase II Work in the amount of \$25,000.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper reads and moves for approval Authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit an application to the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$25,000 for a Local Capital Improvement Program grant and creating a new line item in the Capital Improvement Plan entitled Russell Library Phase II Work in the amount of \$25,000. Councilman Thomas J. Serra seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 91-14
File Name rlphase2exteriorworklocip
Description Authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit an application to the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$25,000 for a Local Capital Improvement Program grant and

creating a new line item in the Capital Improvement Plan entitled Russell Library Phase II Work in the amount of \$25,000.

(Approved)

Whereas, the Common Council approved a Bond issue for \$749,250 for Renovations and Improvements for Russell Library, with the goal of protecting the Library from water penetration from above and below; and

Whereas, the project is moving along very well, with the attached sign recently installed; and

Whereas, an additional \$25,000 is needed for Phase 2 work for the next priority area to be completed, identified in the Conditions Assessment Study as "Modify walks and steps at the south side of the Library," as shown in the attached pages from the Study; and

Whereas, this effort would include removing the concrete sidewalk between the doors on the south side and then properly grading and draining the area so that water does not pool at the brownstone wall, requiring that yard drains be installed and piped to the storm water system to ensure positive drainage, and modifying the existing drains located at the walkway to function better, while reducing the risk of clogging from sediment; and

Whereas, the work can be completed as a Change Order to the current contact with Xenelis Construction, making a savings as the contractor is already mobilized and on site; and

Whereas, the new work is distinctive from the current work and was not included in the project earlier;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Mayor Daniel T. Drew be authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Connecticut for a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Local Capital Projects Improvement Program (LOCIP) this additional work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a new line item be created in the Capital Improvement Plan entitled Russell Library Phase II Work in the amount of \$25,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this additional work are available through the Local Capital Projects Improvement Program (LOCIP). There is no additional funding required or anticipated.

- E. Approving amending the guidelines for the Educational Incentive Challenge grant program to allow a match ratio of 1:1 as well as allow no match for grants under \$4,999 when an organization's total budget is less than \$75,000 to allow for more low-cost or no cost programming.

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval amending the guidelines for the Educational Incentive Challenge grant program to allow a match ratio of 1:1 as well as allow no match for grants under \$4,999 when an organization's total budget is less than \$75,000 to allow for more low-cost or no cost programming. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 92-14

File Name yaedchallengegrant2014reschanges
Yaaferschool challengegrantguidelines

Description Approving amending the guidelines for the Educational Incentive Challenge grant program to allow a match ratio of 1:1 as well as allow no match for grants under \$4,999 when an organization's total budget is less than \$75,000 to allow for more low-cost or no cost programming.

(Approved)

WHEREAS, the Youth Services Advisory Board would like to see more inclusive programs being offered using the City's Educational Incentives Challenge Grant; and

WHEREAS, the match of \$2 to every \$1 received from the City grant can be difficult for some organizations who provide low-cost or no cost programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That the following changes be made to the Educational Incentive Challenge grant.

- Any grant request of \$5,000 or more is required to provide a \$1 to \$1 ratio match as part of its proposal;

- Any grant less than \$5,000 or less will not be required to match unless the organization's total budget exceeds \$75,000; however, organizations with a \$75,000 total budget may petition the Youth Services Advisory Board to submit a match-free grant proposal prior to submission.

Fiscal Impact: The City has budgeted for the Educational Incentive Challenge grant and no new funds are being requested; the only difference is that the matching component will not be maximized with a 2:1 ratio.

Afterschool Program Challenge Grant

The following guidelines are proposed for administering the Afterschool Program \$55,000 Challenge Grant:

- Annually, the Youth Services Advisory Board will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for competitive funding under this initiative.
- The Middletown Board of Education's business office will assume all reporting and fiscal management of the grant.
- **Any grant request of \$5,000 or more is required to provide a 1 to 1 ratio match as part of their proposal.**
- **Any grant request of less than \$5,000 or less will not require a match unless the organization's total budget exceeds \$75,000. However, organizations with a \$75,000 total budget may petition the YSBAB to submit a match-free grant proposal prior to submission.**
- Challenge grant funds (a 1 to 1 2 ratio) will be applied – but not limited – to the following
 - Private donations
 - Corporate and business sponsorships and gifts
 - State and federal grants
 - Foundation support
 - Parent Fees
 - College and university financial support
- The Youth Services Advisory Board will review proposals and make recommendations to the Common Council for program funding.
- Successful grantees will complete contract and file quarterly reports.

F. Approving the public health block grants for fiscal year 2014-2015 as listed in the resolution.

Councilman James Streeto reads and moves for approval the public health block grants for fiscal year 2014-2015 as listed in the resolution. Councilman Carl R. Chisem seconds the motion.

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval the resolution at the line item that says Communicable Disease Surveillance, he would like to reduce that number from \$18,000 to \$8,000 making the final total from \$123,300 to \$113,300. Councilman Thomas J. Serra seconds the motion.

Councilman Streeto states the numbers as given are the ones in the budget and it works out to \$113,000 and I stand corrected. Councilwoman Kasper states they will come back and ask for an additional appropriation.

The chair calls for the vote on the amendment. It is unanimous to amend with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

The chair calls for the vote on the underlying motion as amended. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 93-14**File Name** Hdpublichealthblock14-15**Description** Approving the public health block grants for fiscal year 2014-2015 as listed in the resolution.**(Amended and Approved)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:
That Health Department requests that the \$123,300 Public Health Block Grant (FY 14/15) be allocated as follows:

<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Women and Family Centers	\$10,000
Community Renewal Team Inc. (Summer Food)	\$10,000
Community Renewal Team Inc. (Head Start)	\$9,500
Gilead	\$5,000
St. Vincent DePaul (Warming Center)	\$15,000
Middlesex Hospital (Opportunity Knocks)	\$5,000
Russell Library	\$10,800
Neat Kids Market	\$5,000
The Connection	\$5,000
MCSAAC	\$4,500
Holy Trinity Church	\$3,000
New Horizons Battered Women's Shelter	\$22,500
Communicable Disease Surveillance	\$ 8,000
TOTAL	<u>\$113,300</u>

Fiscal Impact: There is no new fiscal impact; the \$113,300 is budgeted for FY14/15.

- G. Approving authorizing Mayor Drew to apply to the State of Connecticut for a LoCIP grant in the amount of \$51,450 for the replacement and removal of the Evapco Cooling Tower at the Green Street Arts Center; and approving creating a new line item in the Capital Improvement Plan, entitled Green Street Arts Center Cooling Tower in the amount of \$51,450.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval authorizing Mayor Drew to apply to the State of Connecticut for a LoCIP grant in the amount of \$51,450 for the replacement and removal of the Evapco Cooling Tower at the Green Street Arts Center; and approving creating a new line item in the Capital Improvement Plan, entitled Green Street Arts Center Cooling Tower in the amount of \$51,450. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 94-12**File Name** pwlocipgreenstartscooltower**Description** Approving authorizing Mayor Drew to apply to the State of Connecticut for a LoCIP grant in the amount of \$51,450 for the replacement and removal of the Evapco Cooling Tower at the Green Street Arts Center; and approving creating a new line item in the Capital Improvement Plan, entitled Green Street Arts Center Cooling Tower in the amount of \$51,450.**(Approved)****Be It Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:**

That Mayor Daniel T. Drew be authorized to apply to the State of Connecticut for a LoCIP grant in the amount of \$51,450 for the replacement and removal of the Evapco Cooling Tower at the Green Street Arts Center; approving the creation of a new Capital Improvement line item entitled Green Street Arts Center Cooling Tower in the amount of \$51,450; and approving a loan from the general fund for the same amount with said loan to be repaid upon receipt of State Grant Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a new Capital Improvement line item, 3560-22000-57030-0000-xxxxx-xxxx-000, entitled Green Street Arts Center Cooling Tower in the amount of \$51,450 be added.

Fiscal Impact: The expenditure will be paid with LoCIP funds and will not require an appropriation from the General Fund.

- H. Approving waiving the bidding requirements in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances for the Parking Department to purchase LUKE II kiosks and related

accessories to replace the Amana Gates in the Melilli Plaza and Upper Arcade from Integrated Technical Systems, Inc., in collaboration with Digital Technologies for \$75,000 which has been set aside in the Parking Fund.

Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta reads and moves for approval agenda item H, the LUKE II Kiosks for the Parking Department. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion.

Councilwoman Russo Driska states she hears this may be getting sent back. Before she speaks she would like to know if that will happen. Councilwoman Bartolotta states yes, she was going to make that motion. She would like to speak to the original approval; she understands the concerns out there but I guess I am understanding that the concern is the license plate reading. She sits on the Parking Advisory Committee with Councilman Santangelo and we have had great discussions and have had demonstrations and maybe that is what everyone needs. The concerns I am hearing I am having a hard time hearing it and in traveling places, they don't have gates. You go up to a kiosk and put your plate in. Whether you put your cellphone number in, that is up to you. During the break, I booked two hotels on my cell with a credit card. The gates don't work. There are multiple problems and Parking Advisory is saying this is the system we would like moving forward. We are tired of talking about but doing. the system we have doesn't work. She say this one and has seen it in various areas of the country and she is not sure what the hesitation about doing this. Why are we referring this back.

Councilman Streeto since the issue has been raised he has several concerns about the privacy issues this raises. In point of fact, we don't know how long the data will be retained and it is a great deal of data and there are no safeguards on its dissemination. He will not support it tonight until provisions are made for the privacy of individuals. There are people out there that have concerns about their information in database and he would like protections in place. Councilman Santangelo states his feeling is he can accept it tonight because he asked the questions so what has to happen is that you need more information. I am in favor of sending it back to bring back the vendor. At the committee I said this would happen. People have concerns about privacy and how much information will be available. They should be invited to answer the questions and tell us the safeguards that need to be done. We are playing catch-up.

Councilman Bauer will support sending it back to committee and I agree with Councilman Streeto's points. Councilman Serra it behooves us to send it back to committee. Councilman Santangelo we need to see that this works and sometimes committees get more information and he will be happy to send it back. Councilman Giuliano states he has no problem taking some time to find out where the plate numbers will go and how long it will be there and he would like to learn more about how it changes what we do and what problems we can anticipate in this new system and think about the downside. He has no problem sending it back. Councilman Daley states he usually has a bias for moving forward and he is hesitant to sending it back and respects there are serious questions. I find in reading the resolution, and reads from the resolution about the technology and that tells me what the Director and committee is trying to address an immediate problems. We are spending a lot of money on a maintenance agreement and not getting results. We are spending money on gates that don't operate properly and this sounds like fixing problems and saving money and we are worried about the License Plate readers. Hopefully you are using secure sites and that is the individual's responsibility. He is inclined to go forward with this. At some point we have to think about why we have committees. The Standardization committee voted to support this along with the Parking Advisory Committee. We should follow their guidance.

Councilwoman Bartolotta states questions have been asked and not fully answered. The equipment is only four years old and there is cost to removing the equipment and questions on how the new equipment would work. She does not want this coming back.

Motion to Move the Question

Councilwoman Bartolotta moves the question and send this back to committee; Councilman Serra seconds the motion. The Chair calls for the vote on calling the question; it is eleven affirmative votes and one in opposition by Councilwoman Russo Driska.

The chair calls for the vote on referring this to committee. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilman David Bauer; 3 nay votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 3 in opposition.

Resolution No. 95-14

File Name pk2014bidwaiverdigitalkiosks

Description Approving waiving the bidding requirements in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances for the Parking Department to purchase LUKE II kiosks and related accessories to replace the Amana Gates in the Melilli Plaza and Upper Arcade from Integrated Technical Systems, Inc., in collaboration with Digital Technologies for \$75,000 which has been set aside in the Parking Fund.
(Referred to Parking Advisory Board)

Whereas, the City of Middletown Parking Department, the Parking Advisory Board, Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and its downtown members, Downtown Business District and its downtown members, the Middletown Mayor's Office, the Middletown Police Department and the Central Communications (911 Center) Department have been grappling with significant customer service, operational and mechanical issues stemming from the Amano Gate System since 2010 when it was first installed in the Melilli Plaza lot and the Arcade Lots; and

Whereas, these operational and mechanical issues include but are not limited to numerous and repeated ticket jams, credit card processing and reconciliation issues, credit card abduction issues by the equipment, motorists being stuck behind the gate system after regular office hours, paper jams, printer issues, and various IT system crashes all leading to over 400 calls in just the after hour period per month leading to a significant burden on the dispatch 911 center and on various PD shifts; and

Whereas, the parking department, Mayor's Office and City legal and purchasing have had numerous discussions and broached these issues to Amano's regional and corporate offices and yet having not received sufficient long term resolution and with continuing discomfort regarding the nearly annual \$35,000 maintenance fees associated with the equipment; and

Whereas, the Mayor's Office, the Parking Advisory Board and Parking Department in Fall 2013 began earnest exploratory discussions, internal reviews, and site visits to towns including New Britain, Greenwich, Darien, West Hartford, and Norwalk and took other educational steps such as attending forums, conferences and exhibitions with an eye toward replacing Amano gate systems in 2014; and

Whereas, the Parking Department expects operational savings of replacing Amano of approximately \$45,000 through lower overtime costs of \$2000, no magnetic ticket purchases of \$6000, no gate replacements purchases of \$2000, and eliminating the Amano Service contract of \$35,000; and

Whereas, to replace the current gate system six (6) programmable kiosks known by the trademark name LUKE II (4 in Melilli and 2 in Upper Arcade) manufactured and serviced by Integrated Technical Systems based in Wallingford Connecticut in collaboration with Digital Technologies of New York would need to be purchased; and

Whereas, the kiosk purchase would integrate directly with our current and successful enforcement application and tools causing no need to make changes to that relationship and could integrate with LPReader technology in the future if the City so chooses; and

Whereas, the kiosk purchase was discussed and approved by 3-0 vote by the Standardization Committee and also discussed and approved by 5-0 vote at the Parking Advisory board and was brought to the Government and Finance Committee.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That a bid waiver be approved in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances for the Parking Department to purchase 6 LUKE II kiosk and any related accessories necessary for implementation of the equipment, from the Integrated Technical Systems Inc., in collaboration with Digital Technologies, for \$75,000 from the Parking Fund which was set aside from last year's parking fund revenue for this purpose by the Council and Parking Advisory Board.

Fiscal Impact:

All funds will be expended from the Parking Fund (2030) NOT the operational budget. Funds were set aside for this purpose in 2013. Savings will, however WILL be seen in the operational budget in 2014/15.

Revenues from Lots may see a slight decrease as we educate users and revamp enforcement of the lots. However, revenue from ticket enforcement issuance may increase. Also, we will propose increasing rates to at least \$1.00 per hour without free time which could raise revenues by nearly \$350,000 dollars.

No staff increases are needed.

- I. Approving the allocation of the Health Department's Public Health Block Grant for fiscal year 2014 - 2015 as stated in the resolution. This item was removed at the beginning of the meeting because it is a repeat of agenda item 10F.

Removed at the beginning of the meeting because it is a duplication of 10F

- J. Approving the building permit refund for Fortunato Construction Group in the amount of \$856.60.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval the building permit refund for Fortunato Construction Group in the amount of \$856.60 Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 96-14**File Name** pwblgdgprmrfrndfortunatocon**Description** Approving the building permit refund for Fortunato Construction Group in the amount of \$856.60.**(Approved)****BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:**

That a Building Permit Refund be issued to Fortunato Construction Group, for a property located at 118 Carmela Drive, Middletown, CT in the amount of \$856.60 due to cancellation of work.

11. Mayor's Appointments.

The chair reads the appointments; chair asks for discussions. It is noted that the appointment of Ms Faraci will be held until next month and only vote for the appointments on the Water Pollution Control Authority and Affirmative Action.

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano reads and moves for approval Mayor's Appointments.. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is unanimous to approve with 12 aye votes. The chair states the matter passes unanimously with 12 affirmative votes.

Water Pollution Control Authority:

Reappointment of Dale Aldieri to July 31, 2019.

Reappointment of John Giuliano to July 31, 2019

Reappointment of Emanuel DiMauro to July 31, 2019.

Affirmative Action Monitoring Committee:

Reappointment of Rosa Brown to April 30, 2017.

Reappointment of Andre Oberle to April 30, 2017.

Reappointment of Joseph Rumberger to April 30, 2017.

12. Contingency Fund Transfers (none).

The chair states there are no contingency fund transfers.

The chair asks for a moment of silence on the passing of former Councilman Pattavina who passed last week.

13. Meeting adjourned.

Councilman Streeto moves to adjourn and is seconded by Councilman Daley. The vote is unanimous. The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK